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Future Looks Bright Says College Prexy

DEERFIELD BEACH—“The future of education is brighter in southeastern Florida than in any other section of the United States and there is ample opportunity for clubwomen to share in this bright future,” says Dr. Joe Rushing, president of Broward Junior College.

Speaking before a luncheon meeting of the Broward Federation of Women's Clubs on Friday, Dr. Rushing pointed out that the one year old institution has asked for, and received, tremendous support from the people of the county. However there is still much to be done to provide facilities for the student body of 8,000 which is expected to be enrolled in 1970.

The educator said that when the permanent buildings are completed the college will become a cultural center to be enjoyed by the entire community and will include a 50,000 volume library and an art center where the public may witness musical and dramatic presentations as well as lectures.

Plans are being made now by student groups, in cooperation with nearby junior colleges, to begin a series of appearances by well known authors, statesmen and musicians. It is hoped that one or two such presentations may be made during the current school year.

Dr. Rushing said that at the present time the greatest needs (for which no public funds are immediately available) are an electronics laboratory and expanded library facilities. Future

plans call for the microfilming of reference material when such equipment is available. Certain types of books are also needed.

Even the smallest clubs may contribute to the student loan fund, making it possible for high school graduates financially unable to attend a state university to secure two years of higher education, the speaker said noting that every student in Broward, Dade and Palm Beach counties is now within commuting distance of a Junior College.

Women's groups may also be of service by helping to alert the public to the opportunities and advantages offered by a junior college.

Preceding the address by Dr. Rushing members enjoyed a program of musical selections by soloist Gerldine Linsalata of Hollywood. Miss Linsalata is a music major at the University of Miami and has appeared in minor operatic roles with such luminaries as Rise Stevens, Roberta Peters and Renata Tibaldi.